

people that they don't want to give any help to are the people that are their customers and we in agriculture had better recognize that too. Those people that are out of work out there are the folks that have been buying the food that we have been producing and multiply that by thousands and thousands. Now I am sure that we all recognize the need of business and I can understand the concern but I am concerned about that other business out there that those businessmen seem to be hanging their hat on and I can tell you quite frankly I am getting a little tired of this kind of argument because I have been in here now for seven years and the argument is the same every darn year, and I don't care if cattle are 40 cents a pound or if they are 80 cents a pound, the argument is still the same. Don't do this because business can't afford it. Like I say I want those people to be able to buy at least a hamburger once in awhile. So you can set it at whatever figure you want to but at least do it for the right reasons and at least admit you are doing it for the right reason. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have six lights on. Senator Hall, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, the amendment to \$138 equates to an average annual wage of 34, excuse me, \$13,400 and an hourly rate of \$6.44. Senator Barrett had talked about partial replacement. Well, \$138 is only partial replacement. Moreover it equates to 58 percent in terms of the weekly wage rate. So when you look at \$13,400 and you are drawing unemployment, you are getting approximately 58 percent of your average weekly wage so that means anyone over that amount, and there are a lot of people, I mean \$13,400 doesn't cut it very often. If you were at \$13,400, there is usually at least one other person in the family who is bringing in an income. What that says is that once you get up and over \$13,400, that percentage decreases so for the average skilled laborer, someone who is making in the neighborhood of 16 to 17 thousand dollars, those people are getting less than 50 percent of their average weekly wage. Remember, the federal blue ribbon panel suggested we be at 66 percent. Well, we are nowhere near that and we are not getting anywhere close, not with this amendment. So what I would suggest is that we move to adopt the \$138, my amendment to my amendment, and that we allow these people who are going to be...and we have got